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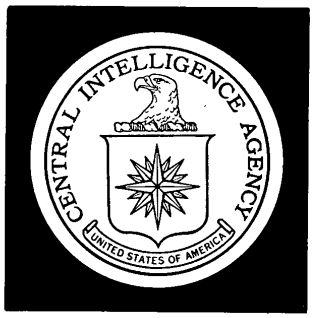

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The President's Daily Brief

20 July 1970

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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

20 July 1970

PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Israeli [redacted] air strike last Saturday against SAM sites in the Great Bitter Lake area. *(Page 1)* 50X1

The situation in Cambodia is noted on *Page 2*.

[redacted] 50X1

The Colombian Government has declared a state of siege. *(Page 3)*

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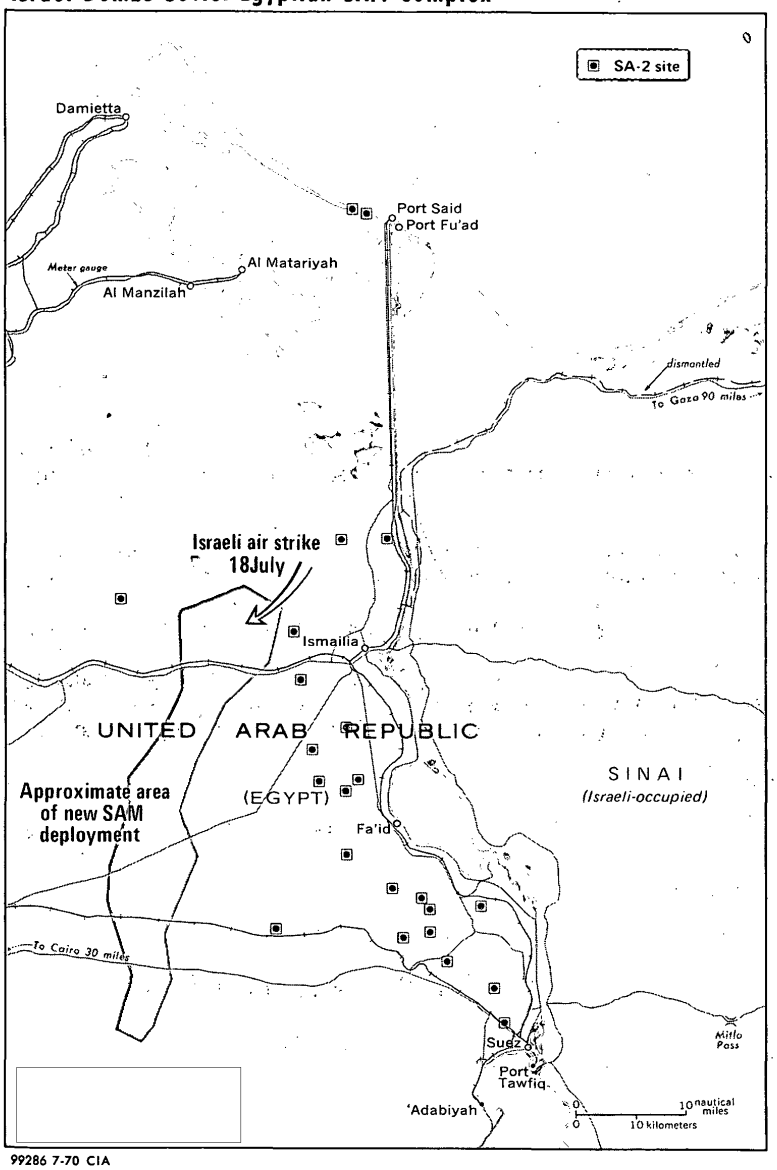
Israel Bombs Soviet-Egyptian SAM complex



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ISRAEL-EGYPT

The major Israeli air strike on 18 July was designed to destroy the seven northernmost sites of the newly emplaced Soviet-Egyptian SAM complex 15 to 30 miles west of Great Bitter Lake. The results of the strike are not yet known. [redacted] reports that 18 Phantoms supported by other aircraft and helicopters were involved. One Phantom was downed by an SA-2 missile; another was hit by an SA-3 but returned to its Sinai base. 50X1

Some 30 to 40 missiles were fired at the Israeli planes, including at least five SA-3 missiles. Many were launched from the southern part of the defense complex, which was not under attack.

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[redacted] probably only three of the seven SAM sites were operational at the time of the strike; the other four are assumed to have been dummies because no missiles were fired from them. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] dummy and live sites are interchangeable within 24 to 48 hours. 50X1

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The Israeli chief of staff, General Bar-Lev, indicated in a recent interview that Israel intended to concentrate on bombing the Soviet-supplied air defense system along the Egyptian side of the canal even though it knew "perfectly well" that destroyed equipment could be replaced in a short time. Bar-Lev added, however, that "should it become necessary," Israel would strike "further"--apparently a reference to a possible resumption of deep penetration raids.

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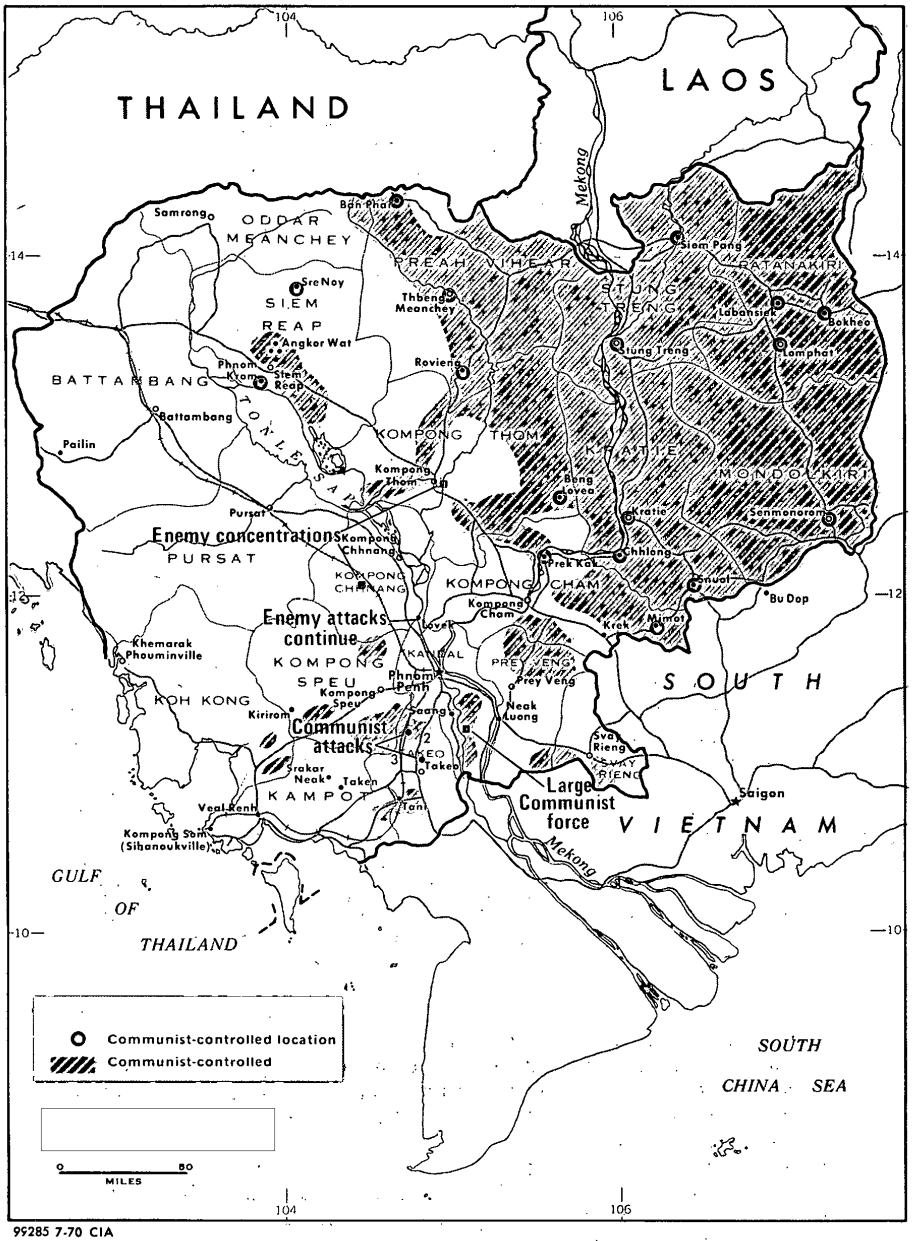
Cambodia: Current Situation



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CAMBODIA

Government clearing operations continue in the Kirirom area southwest of Phnom Penh. One government battalion clashed yesterday with an enemy company in the center of the town. The government's small-arms repair workshop at Kirirom was almost totally destroyed during the recent fighting, but not before the enemy removed most of its portable tools and equipment.

In Kompong Chhnang Province, the Communists are maintaining pressure on the Lovek ordnance depot. Government casualties thus far appear to have been light, however.

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some 800 Communist troops are deployed six miles west of that town and may attack soon.

Kompong Thom city was hit by a few rounds of mortar fire yesterday, but no casualties were reported.

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Three more Cambodian battalions were moved from Phnom Penh to Kompong Cham on 17 July.

South of Phnom Penh, the Communists made several attacks on government units and on bridges along Routes 2 and 3 in Takeo Province on 18 July. In the adjacent province of Kandal, an estimated 1,000 Communist troops have moved into an area about 20 miles south of the Cambodian capital.

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NOTES

USSR: [redacted] 50X1

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Colombia: A state of siege was declared throughout the country last night. The government fears renewed disturbances by followers of defeated presidential candidate Rojas Pinilla, who still want him declared the winner over President-elect Misael Pastrana.

Communist China - Italy - Canada: Peking's recognition talks with Italy and Canada are still stalled over China's claim to Taiwan. China appears even less flexible on this issue than it was last spring [redacted] 50X1

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